



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Colleen McNally was appointed in January 2001, after serving more than three years as a Superior Court Commissioner. She is currently assigned to the Court's Northwest Regional Center in Surprise handling civil, family court and probate cases. Immediately prior to becoming a judge, she presided over criminal and civil cases. She also presided over Drug Court, a special rehabilitative program that provides judicial supervision for first time drug offenders.

Judge McNally began her public service law career in 1986 as a deputy county attorney, serving as a prosecutor in the trial, narcotics and the sex crimes bureaus. From 1990 to 1992, as an Assistant Attorney General, she represented Child Protective Services in dependency cases in Juvenile Court. She joined the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office in 1992, representing indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases, working there until her appointment as a court commissioner in September 1997.



She received her law degree in 1986 from the University of Arizona College of Law and a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies Planning in 1983 from the University of California, San Diego. Judge McNally's memberships include the Maricopa County Bar Association, the Arizona Women Lawyers Association, the National Organization of Drug Court Professionals and the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals. She serves on the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee of the State Bar. She is also a volunteer in the "Kids in Court" program and "Changing Lives Through Literature."